

City Council Resolution

WHEREAS, vacant and secluded properties in Memphis and Shelby County have become dumping grounds for illegally disposed tires which raises significant concerns regarding public health and safety, property values and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the health risks associated with dump sites with scrap tires are significant; they provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can multiply 100 times faster than normal in the warm, stagnant water standing in scrap tires and several illnesses have been attributed to disease-carrying mosquitoes originating from scrap tire piles; and

WHEREAS, some areas have been evacuated and property damage has been significant because of dumped tires that have caught fire, either by spontaneous combustion or by arson; and

WHEREAS, dump sites serve as magnets for additional dumping and other criminal activities and as a result, property values decrease and the community becomes unattractive for commercial and residential development; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council is considering an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances to include regulations for the proper disposal of tires and the registration of certain tire businesses and tire haulers, otherwise known as the Tire Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Tire Ordinance includes a Tire Redemption Program, a tire roundup program to assist with the clean up of our community and proper disposal of scrap tires by authorizing the compensation of any individual presenting an illegally disposed used or waste tire to an authorized tire disposal or recycling facility in the amount of .50 cents per tire after 5 days of such presentment; and

WHEREAS, the Redemption Program established by the ordinance shall commence immediately upon the adoption of the ordinance and shall expire within twelve months if the purpose of the program has been achieved; and

WHEREAS, in order to help implement the Tire Ordinance Redemption Program, funding is required to establish the roundup program; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County is expected to provide match funding of \$50,000.00 for the Tire Redemption Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Memphis, that pursuant to the Tire Ordinance being adopted and enacted, the FY 2010 Operating Budget is hereby amended by appropriating \$50,000.00 match funds and establishing the Tire Redemption Program budget line in the amount of \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars & 00/100).

HAROLD B. COLLINS
Chairman